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Senior Airman Tysean Wilson, non-destructive inspection journeyman assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, performs a system effectiveness check by using a black light to look for subsurface defects on a ketos ring while Staff Sgt. Craig Hadrych, non-destructive inspection craftsman, reviews the technical orders here Sept. 25, 2008. Non-destructive inspection Airmen are responsible for ensuring there are no cracks or defects in maintenance materials issued here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)

Discipline

By Maj. Owen Stephens
379th Expeditionary Contracting
Squadron commander

The word discipline rings strongly with me because of an accident that happened in 1993 that I'll relate at the end of this article. All military men and women have heard the word discipline banded about, but here are my thoughts, as an individual who has been around the Air Force in widely different capacities since 1987.

Discipline has a few relevant definitions. It could be "training to act in accordance with rules; drill: military discipline," "the activity, exercise, or a regimen that develops or improves a skill," or "behavior in accord with rules of conduct; behavior and order maintained by training and control: good discipline in an army." When you consider these definitions together you end up with three dimensions of discipline.

1. Training to act in accordance with

rules. This means that the Air Force should provide all Airmen training to operate in accordance with the many rules of our trade. Discipline starts with proper training. To abide by this dimension, we shouldn't be training a three-level how to deviate from a technical order in order to turn a 45-minute job into a 10-minute job. We should train them how to complete the job properly in accordance with applicable technical data. Likewise, we should not be training Airman to act in accordance with the rules only when a higher ranking person is watching, such as when an NCO backs up a vehicle without a spotter with Airmen around who can observe this poor example. That is training, too, only informal.

2. Improving our skill at our profession. This means we, as Airmen, should never stop striving to improve the way we conduct ourselves, on and off duty, both as individuals and as an Air Force.

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Commander's Action Line

Q: I've recently noticed the large amount of paper towels that are consumed around base in the cadillacs. I've also noticed them all over the floor in the bathrooms. I was wondering if we could get electric hand dryers installed in the bathrooms instead of the paper towels? Even if we are planning on installing hand dryer's in the new bathrooms, this could take several more months and in the meantime we could save money by implementing this as soon as possible. This will save the Air Force money, help keep the bathrooms cleaner and be more beneficial for the environment.

A: What a great idea – you swung for the fence and hit a true "Grand Slam!" I totally agree with you – these dryers will have many benefits. This relatively small investment will reduce the quantity of paper towels and reduced refuse volume, both of which benefit the environment and reduce costs. My civil engineers expect to get the parts in time to install the dryers in early 2009. Furthermore, as a result of your suggestion, I've asked the civil engineers to look into placing hand dryers in the Blachford-Preston Complex community center restrooms and any other areas where it will be cost beneficial. Thanks again for your suggestion and for helping to make our base a better place to live and work. Please keep those good ideas coming!

MICHAEL R. MOELLER
Brigadier General, USAF
Commander

- The Action Line is your direct link to Brig. Gen. Michael Moeller, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

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Iraqi training wing soars to 3,000th hour

By Senior Airman Randi Flaugh
506th Air Expeditionary Group
Public Affairs

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – The Iraqi Air Force Flying Training Wing has reached yet another goal, one that may have seemed impossible a year ago, with the help of Airmen from the 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron. This partnership enabled Iraqi pilots to reach the 3,000th flying training hour milestone here Sept. 23.

Iraqi Air Force student pilot 2nd Lt. Hassan, whose full name is being withheld for security purposes, topped the milestone during his final check ride in the pilot training program. Lt. Col. Scott Voskovitch, 52nd EFTS instructor pilot, sat in the instructor seat of the Cessna 208 Caravan on this flight.

“It’s an amazing accomplishment,” Colonel Voskovitch said. “It’s been less than a year, and we went from no airplanes to 11 (planes) and 3,000 hours.”

The 3,000 hour mark was accomplished at a much faster pace than the previous milestone of 2,000 hours. It took 91 days to increase from



A Cessna 208 Caravan assigned to the Iraqi Air Force Flying Training Wing at Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, flies over northern Iraq during a recent training mission. Iraqi Air Force 2nd Lt. Hassan flew a similar aircraft Sept. 23 during which he eclipsed the FTW's 3,000 flying training-hour mark. (U.S. Air Force photo/Lt. Col. Scott Voskovitch)

1,000 hours to 2,000, but only 72 days more to reach the latest milestone. As more students enter the Iraqi Air Force's only flying training wing, the pilots in the FTW and 52nd EFTS have increased their sortie production to match the increased demand. In August, the FTW doubled its student population. More increases are forecast in the coming months.

“The hours will accumulate faster now, as the Caravan

component picks up,” Colonel Voskovitch said. “We have students in all phases of training for both aircraft.” The students begin training in Cessna 172s and then move on to the more complex Caravan.

The significance of the flight was not lost on the young Iraqi pilot.

“I feel so happy and so proud to have done this, because it’s a big deal to be a pilot in Iraq,” Hassan said. “We are surrounded by

the best instructors and best (people) I have ever met. I appreciate the American team; they are helping all of Iraq to build the Iraqi Air Force.”

The flight also marked a significant event for the American instructor pilot.

“This was my 200th sortie with the training squadron,” Colonel Voskovitch said. “It’s great that we’re the first group of instructor pilots with the first class of students. It’s pretty special.”

As operations expand and the number of students being trained increases, Iraqi Air Force officials will move closer to developing the foundational capabilities that will allow the service to sustain independent operations and grow to meet future demands, said Lt. Col. Nathan Brauner, 52nd EFTS commander.

“This milestone simply shows that the Iraqis are making progress towards self-sufficiency,” said Colonel Brauner. “Our sortie rate continues to expand because of the hard work that the Iraqis and our advisors put in every day on the flight line, in the classrooms, the simulators and the back shops.”

FROM DISCIPLINE ON PAGE 2

Airmen should study their profession to get better and we all should attempt to find ways to improve the Air Force, especially our particular patch of the Air Force, the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing.

3. Behavior in accord with rules of conduct. This means we should not abandon the rules in favor of short cuts once we are trained. Our rule set is in place for one of two reasons, either a rule is the best way to accomplish a task, or it is in place to prevent someone or something from being hurt, killed, damaged or destroyed. If we do find a better way to accomplish a task, we should step back to dimension two and submit changes to the rules.

Back to my personal experience learning the lesson of discipline; a friend of mine was the ranking person on a job requiring the use of a hydraulic mule (on the F-117). One of the warnings in the T.O. requires the maintainer to do a thorough check around the aircraft for people and equipment. Another caution in the T.O. requires the maintainer to ensure the mule pressure knobs are all the way open so that when the mule powers up, no hydraulic pressure is applied.

My friend (and the Airmen with him) performed neither of these tasks. There was an individual on the aircraft between a lowered stabilizer and the fuselage and the pressure knobs were

slightly closed. The result? When one of the Airmen cranked up the mule, it applied approximately 500 PSI to the aircraft, causing the stabilizer to attempt to snap to the center position, trapping the individual between the stabilizer and fuselage. Thankfully he wasn’t killed, but as the ranking technician on the job, my friend was responsible for this accident. This can happen in the blink of an eye, so don’t let it be you!

I learned a powerful lesson in discipline from his experience, and I’d like to pass that lesson on to all of you, as it is always better if you learn it from someone else than if you learn it because you hurt someone or damaged Air Force equipment.

NDI cracks down on

Story by Senior Airman Clinton Atkins
Photos by Staff. Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Intensely focused eyes rummage through an intricate aircraft component beneath the luminescence of a soft-glowing light inside a small compartment. The never-flinching resolve leads to a smile. "Found you," sighs the inspector.

When an aircraft or its parts' structural integrity is in question, the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron's Non-destructive Inspection Laboratory jumps into action.

"Our mission is to provide safe and reliable aircraft to the (379th Air Expeditionary Wing) and transient aircraft in the (area of responsibility)," said Master Sgt. Chad Scholl, NDI section chief, deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "Our job is vital because if we didn't find fatigue cracks, disbands and corrosion in our aging aircraft, potential lives, missions and aircraft could be lost."

The eight-man section is a 24-hour operation. In September alone the shop inspected an estimated 2,500 in-shop parts, of which three parts had structural flaws and were pulled from service. The cracks found on aircraft parts potentially saved countless lives and assets.

"One of my sayings is, 'Say no to crack,'" said Sergeant Scholl, a Garretson, S.D., native.

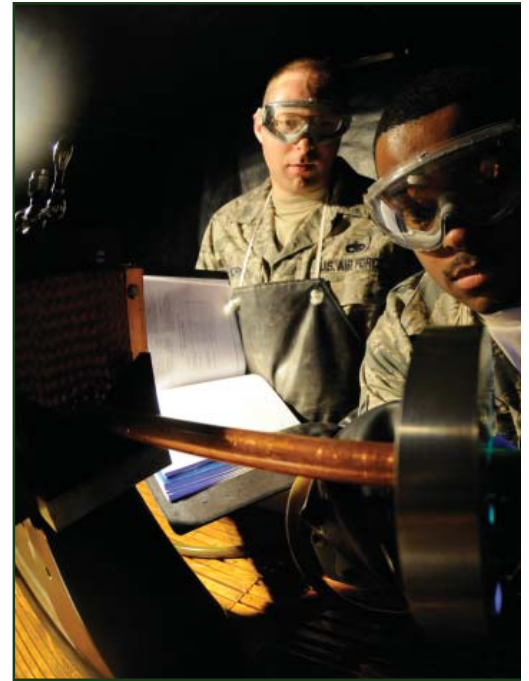
The NDI shop uses eddy current, X-ray, ultrasonic, penetrant, magnetic particle and optical inspection methods and also inspects engine oil lubricant for abnormal-wear metals.

"Everything we inspect is driven by technical orders and inspection techniques written by engineers," Sergeant Scholl said.

Aside from doing their indoor work, there is also scheduled and unscheduled aircraft maintenance on the flight line. Scheduled maintenance intervals for various airframes are determined by trends of past structural defects and total airframe hours. Unscheduled maintenance occurs anytime a maintenance technician suspects a defect during a routine inspection. Some of the common inspections are aircraft skins, landing gear components and high load and vibration areas of aircraft structures.

"If a crew chief on the flight line finds what he thinks could be a crack but with the naked eye he can't tell, he will call us," he said.

"Most defective parts require extensive repair either by aircraft structural maintenance (sheetmetal) technicians or by major repair facilities, while some



defects are so severe that they are condemned for service," he said.

The NDI shop provides inspection services for all assigned and transient U.S., Joint and Coalition aircraft. In-shop parts and B-1B Lancer's scheduled maintenance comprise the bulk of NDI's workload. The eight-man crew's ability to get the job done has a direct impact on the mission.

"Every minute we're late getting to an aircraft can be seen at the tail end when the troops on the ground need that bomber or an aircraft needs gas," Sergeant Scholl said. "Whenever there is a job (on the flight line) for the 379 AEW we have to be out there immediately to get the job done so the aircraft can get in the air."

Recently, the fleet of Royal Australian Air Force's C-130J Hercules assigned here were grounded for a problem found during an inspection.

According to the RAAF, the NDI shop shortened the fleet's grounding period by several days.

"Without (NDI's) help we would have had to reach back to Australia and send a technician which would have taken two weeks or more," said RAAF Wing Commander Peter Ward.

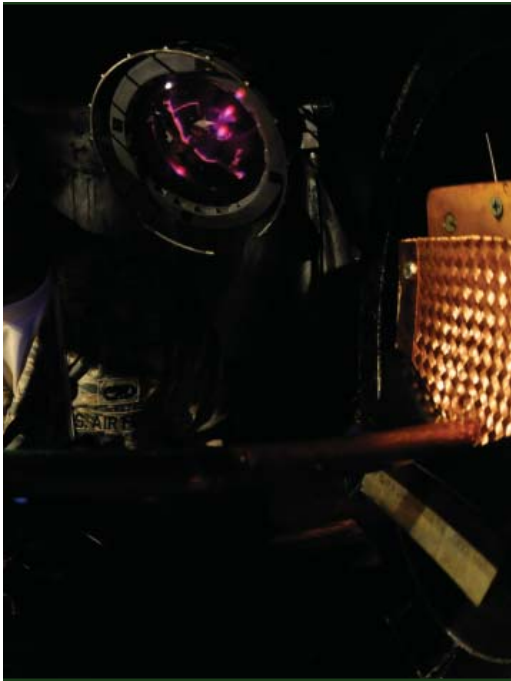
As part of a central intermediate repair facility in the 379 EMXS, NDI also inspects parts from all around the AOR.

"We inspect wheel and brake assem-



Staff Sgt. Craig Hadrych, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection craftsman, calibrates the Nortec 2,000 eddy current flaw detection instrument using a reference standard while Senior Airman Tysean Wilson, non-destructive inspection journeyman, reviews the technical orders on a laptop here Sept. 25.

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blies from all over the AOR that are sent to the 379 EMXS,” he said.

After the wheels and brakes go through various different shops to disassemble, remove the paint and clean, NDI inspects each part before they are painted again.

“They’re pretty limited on resources up range so we end up seeing a lot of parts,” he said. “The CIRF program also allows bases in the AOR to have less of a deployed footprint.”

When the customer is in the AOR, there’s no room for complacency, he said.

“Doing the same work day after day you can never be relaxed,” he said. “We have to bring our ‘A-game’ every time we do an inspection.”

Sergeant Scholl reminds his Airmen of the dangers of becoming too relaxed while accomplishing NDI inspections.

“It is very important that NDI technicians receive proper training and maintain good inspection habits,” said Sergeant Scholl.

Senior Airman Tysean Wilson, who is on his first deployment, heeds his section chief’s warning.

“I try to learn something new everyday, that way my mind will be fresh,” said the Yuba City, Calif., native deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va. “This place isn’t a training base so you have to hit the ground running.”

Their job may seem small, but when put under a microscope it is plain to see



ABOVE: Senior Airman Tysean Wilson, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron non-destructive inspection journeyman, cleans a part prior to inspection while Staff Sgt. Craig Hadrych, non-destructive inspection craftsman enters data into a computer here Sept. 25.

CENTER: Airman Wilson performs a system effectiveness check by using a black light to look for subsurface defects on a ketos ring while Sergeant Hadrych reviews the technical orders. Non-destructive inspection Airmen are responsible for ensuring that there are no cracks or defects in maintenance materials issued here. Airman Wilson, a native of Yuba City, Calif., is deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va., and Sergeant Hadrych, a native of Eden, N.Y., is deployed from RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

what these Airmen do saves lives.

“The greatest satisfaction I get from my job is knowing aircraft are safe, reliable and they can drop bombs, haul

cargo, pump gas and execute their missions. We are directly responsible for someone’s life and I take it to heart.” Sergeant Scholl said.

ARC answers for AOR

By Master Sgt. Jeff Loftin
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

When a part-time job becomes a full-time commitment questions usually come along with the transition. A small office here answers them for all the Reservists and Guardsmen in the area of responsibility.

The Air Reserve Component Liaison Office here helps more than 4,000 members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve scattered throughout the AOR and their commanders deal with the intricacies of their deployment.

"Transitioning from a civilian environment to an active-duty environment where there are a plethora of new acronyms, customs, procedures and new office politics can be challenging," said Lt. Col. Wallace Houser, deputy ARC advisor deployed from McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. "[They leave] a home where there are no rules of engagement and go to a base that has nothing but rules of engagement. They leave home where there are rumors of war, articles about the war, and politicians and pundits pontificating about the war and transition to flying in, living in and facilitating the truth of war."

To help Reservists and Guardsmen with this transition the two members of the liaison office visit locations across the AOR.

"Our schedule right now has us gone about every other week trying to hit one or two places each time," said Col. Steven Rosenmeier, senior Air Reserve component advisor. "I think we'll hit most of the places in the AOR by the time we're done. There are Reservists and Guardsmen all over the place. I'm looking forward to helping them."

The office assists with a full spectrum of questions from entitlements and benefits to policies and procedures for promotions or discipline.

"Some of the rules and procedures are complicated," said Colonel Rosenmeier, a force support squadron commander from Pope Air Force Base, N.C. "They're not meant to be overly cumbersome for any one group and we try to make it as easy as possible, but there are some differences. If you don't deal with it on a day-to-day basis you might have some questions. Colonel Houser and I were brought in to answer those."

Colonel Rosenmeier said their main mission is helping Air Reserve Component members understand their benefits and entitlements so they can focus on the mission.

"There are a myriad of things they qualify for when they get home, while they're here,



Staff Sgt. Josef Mabie, Air National Guard member with the 64th Air Expeditionary Group, mans the turret for a quick reaction force Oct. 1. The group provides force protection and base support to enable U.S. security assistance operations and enhance strategic partnerships. The group is 72 percent Guard, 25 percent active duty, and 3 percent Air Force Reserve, exemplifying total force and joint concepts. (Courtesy photo)

and things their families are entitled to," he said. "Making sure that information is in the forefront of their mind and can be used will help them be ready to do their job. They train at home station to do their specialty. They're here to do it. We make sure they're comfortable with those peripheral issues that could impact their state of mind while they're doing business in their specialty."

One of the issues the liaison office deals with most is questions about the rotation of ARC members.

"A Reservist or Guardsman who is on a voluntary order has made a commitment with the Air Force and a deal with their employer," said Colonel Rosenmeier. "When you say 123 days, that employer is looking for that individual to come back right around that time. So, getting airlift out and getting that person back home becomes extremely important. That is why we have some policies out there that say a Reservist on voluntary orders should be redeploying on an aircraft within 24 to 48 hours of the end of their tour. It's not because the individual is any more special. It's just that you have that contract with the civilian employer back in the states who is looking for that employee's return. We've got to get them back to their civilian job. That is one of those issues we want to help navigate both for the member and the chain of command."

The liaison office is also here to assist the

chain of command in dealing with ARC policies and procedures.

"Although it's more frequent in today's environment, for many it's not often they deal with the Reserve component," said Colonel Rosenmeier, a native of Charleston, S.C. "In a deployed environment, more and more Reserve component members are contributing. There are some peculiar rules regarding volunteers. We provide commanders, first sergeants, superintendents and anyone in the chain of command with advice, counsel and information about the Reserve components so they have the tools they need to lead their organizations."

Like the ARC members they liaise with, both Colonel Rosenmeier and Houser are volunteers. Both requested this deployment to assist fellow Reservists and Guardsmen.

"What you will find in Guard and Reserve folks is a real can-do spirit with strong Air Force Specialty Code knowledge and experience," said Colonel Houser, a native of Knoxville, Tenn. "They want to be here or they would not have volunteered. We make sure they understand their tour length, benefits while they're here, benefits for their family back home and benefits when they get home. We feel like we can answer most any question. If not, we have support teams at Shaw AFB, Robbins AFB and Andrews AFB that help a lot."



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DARNELL CANNADY

Senior Airman Bradley Welsing

379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

Munitions Systems Journeyman

Hometown: Green Bay, Wis.

Home station: Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Arrived in AOR: July

Deployment goals: Finish my Community College of the Air Force degree and continue to improve my fitness.

Best part of the deployment: The people I meet from all over the world. There are so many different perspectives on things.

Hobbies: Working out, watching football, reading and destroying my coworkers at Madden 2009.

Best Air Force memory: Watching a fully loaded B-1 come back empty, knowing what I built saved someone else.

Nominated by Master Sgt. Lawrence Hernandez.

"Airman Welsing is a leader among those in his section. He believes in the highest maintenance standards and is a standout mentor to his fellow Airmen."

Cpl. Scott Price

901st Expeditionary Air Wing

System Information Manager

Hometown: Ebbw Vale, South Wales, U.K.

Home station: Joint Support Unit Corsham

Arrived in AOR: September

Deployment goals: To assist in the roll out of the Defence Information Infrastructure to replace the Royal Air Force Command and Control Information System. To improve personal fitness level.

Best part of the deployment: Liaising and working with Coalition forces to understand their way of operating.

Hobbies: Motorcycling, football (soccer) and family.

Best Air Force memory: Promotion to corporal.

Nominated by Flt. Lt. John Andrews. "Although he is relatively new in post his drive, determination and personality will assist me in achieving my operational goals. I am charged with implementing the Defence Information Infrastructure and the task of migrating all our current communications users on to the new system. His input will be key to achieving a smooth transition."



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DARNELL CANNADY

Staff Sgt. Marinelle Nabong

379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Aeromedical Evacuation Operations Team

Hometown: Manila, Philippines

Home unit: Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Arrived in AOR: September

Deployment goals: Give 110 percent to the mission, get in better shape and study hard for promotion.

Best part of the deployment: Making new friends and catching up with old ones.

Hobbies: Reading, writing, listening to music and playing Playstation portable.

Best Air Force memory: Hurricane Katrina Relief. It made me realize the most important reward you could have is not getting all the glitz and glory, but knowing you made an impact no matter how insignificant it seems.

Nominated by Master Sgt. Justin King. "Sergeant Nabong is continually a key factor to the success of the squadron's mission. Her dedication to duty and selfless service and "Mission First" attitude are an excellent example for all to follow."



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DARNELL CANNADY

ARC offers AOR persona

By Senior Airman Clinton Atkins
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Deploying can be difficult on service-members for a number of reasons. They may experience personal, financial and professional strains within the area of responsibility, which can detract from their operational readiness. One shop here shoulders the burden to ease that stress.

Being the first and only one in the AOR, the 379 Expeditionary Force Support Squadron's Airman Readiness Center is a major proponent for the welfare of U.S. and Coalition Forces. Their mission is to support operational readiness by helping people adapt to the challenges of expeditionary operations and military life.

"We help individuals with family life issues, reintegration and personal financial management issues," said Barbara Lang, Airman Readiness Center director, deployed from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. "Our mission really focuses on adaptation to the demands of deployments.

"The needs of the (servicemembers) don't change just because they are (deployed)," she said. "The same needs they have back at home station are probably two-fold (while deployed). Our job is to help them to deal with the demands and the challenges they are faced with due to the expeditionary mission."

The ARC now has a staff of three to look after the needs of the approximately 8,000 personnel deployed here. The ARC also reaches out to units on base and provides information to other bases within the AOR.

"We have a responsibility for unit outreach and with the compliment of our third staff member, we're going to be able to go out to the units and meet them even more than before but in their own fence line," said Senior Master Sgt. Grant Embrey, ARC superintendent, deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Without the third staff member, Mrs. Lang and Sergeant Embrey were challenged with running the ARC at full capacity. The ARC currently receives help from a pool of approximately 30 volunteers.

"This is where we really rely on volunteers to come in and assist us so we can go and do outreach and still keep the center open at the same time," Mrs. Lang said. "The volunteers help us by greeting customers, logging them on to the computers, assisting with phone calls and briefing



them on the center's mission."

Hours of operation for the ARC recently increased. The new hours are 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday to Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The new hours will make the ARC more available for individuals who have little spare time. Busy schedules compounded with the vast difference in time zones makes it difficult for servicemembers to manage their finances, said Mrs. Lang, who is also a certified financial counselor.

"We can help when individuals don't know what to do or how to go about doing it," she said.

The ARC provides servicemembers and civilians with a wealth of free literature and personal knowledge on many topics to assist them with issues they may experience while deployed. When the ARC staff doesn't have the solution to what may ail customers, the staff will go above and beyond to find the proper subject matter experts.

"Even though we may not be able to help them with every single issue that they have, we will make sure they are put in touch with somebody who can assist them," said the Charleston, S.C., native. "My philosophy is to never turn a (service-

1, professional guidance



LEFT: Senior Master Sgt. Grant Embrey, superintendent of the 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron Airmen Readiness Center, restocks pamphlets for customers here Sept. 22. Sergeant Embrey and the other ARC members maintain the only Airmen Readiness Center in the entire area of responsibility.

FAR LEFT: Ms. Barbara Lang, Airmen Readiness Center director, explains to an Airman how to use the bright score card to get a free credit report and score here Sept. 22. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)

ASSISTING AIRMEN WITH:

- Family life issues
- Conflict management
- Reintegration
- Resume writing
- Retirement finance planning
- Federal job search
- Budgets
- Debt management
- Investing
- First time home buying
- Smart car buying

member) away. We will always do the best we can and research to find who can provide the answers. It keeps them from getting the run around."

"They are working long shifts and they're tired," Mrs. Lang said. "They don't have a lot of time to do the research."

To the ARC, time is the difference between impediment and readiness.

"Very often what we find is people won't come to us until they have a real need," she said.

"Our job is prevention. We like to get the information out there to prevent people from getting into situations that would impact their mission readiness. Unfortunately, a lot of them come after the fact, after they have already gotten into trouble, a marital problem or debt.

"Information is power and the more power and control you have over your own life the better off you'll be," Mrs. Lang said. "You have everything to gain by coming here."



Sergeant Embrey puts together an Airmen Readiness Center folder which contains information on many topics beneficial to Airmen here. Sergeant Embrey, a native of Clovis, Calif., is deployed from Kadena Air Force Base, Japan, supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)



379th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron

Team Name: C.L.I.N. Master

VS.



379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Team Name: Sawdust



1st Lt.

Mark Perrault

Flight Commander

Favorite NFL Team:

New England Patriots

Week 5 Picks: Buffalo Bills, Dallas Cowboys, and New England Patriots

"I hate your face!"



Senior Airman

Michael Palmer

Contracting Officer

Favorite NFL Team:

Indianapolis Colts

Week 5 Picks: Atlanta Falcons, Chicago Bears, and Carolina Panthers

"You're on the right track, but the wrong train!"



Staff Sgt.

Fred Hurlbert

Contracting Officer

Favorite NFL Team:

New England Patriots

Week 5 Picks: Baltimore Ravens, Philadelphia Eagles, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers

"Here comes the next Boston Massacre!"



Senior Airman

Brad Nicholson

Contracting Officer

Favorite NFL Team:

Atlanta Falcons

Week 5 Picks: Pittsburgh Steelers, and New Orleans Saints

"I do two things in life, make football picks and chew bubblegum and I'm all out of bubblegum!"



Staff Sgt.

Michael Lovano

Contracting Officer

Favorite NFL Team:

Cleveland Browns

Week 5 Picks: New York Giants, San Diego Chargers, and Indianapolis Colts

"I don't play games; I quit school because of recess!"



Master Sgt.

Tony Hairston

NCOIC Structural Shop

Favorite NFL Team:

Dallas Cowboys

Week 5 Picks: Pittsburgh Steelers, and New Orleans Saints

"I can do this in my sleep!"



Staff Sgt.

Joe Odam

Locksmith

Favorite NFL Team:

Detroit Lions

Week 5 Picks: New York Giants, San Diego Chargers, and Indianapolis Colts

"Don't hate me cuz I'm beautiful!"



Staff Sgt.

Chris Gautier

Structural Journeyman

Favorite NFL Team:

Jacksonville Jaguars

Week 5 Picks: Atlanta Falcons, Chicago Bears, and Carolina Panthers

"Get your popcorn ready!"



Senior Airman

Morgan Jarrett

Locksmith

Favorite NFL Team:

Chicago Bears

Week 5 Picks: Tennessee Titans, Philadelphia Eagles, and Denver Broncos

"Act right before you get smacked right!"



Staff Sgt.

Jason Cason

Structures

Favorite NFL Team:

Miami Dolphins

Week 5 Picks: Buffalo Bills, Dallas Cowboys, and New England Patriots

"TADAWWWWW- WWW!"

Smoke detectors save lives

Having a properly functioning smoke detector provides the greatest early warning to occupants that a fire exists.

To ensure the safety of you and your neighbors, do not paint over or remove fire detection equipment. This includes placing clothing items and/or plastic bags over the detector. The smoke detector is your first line of early warning defense that a fire exists ... do not tamper with these devices.

All base personnel are reminded that tampering with fire alarm systems or fire alarm panels is prohibited. This includes prying locks to gain access to the circuitry panel as well as silencing a panel from beeping. Panels and alarm equipment can only be silenced or maintained by qualified personnel.

If you are having a problem with your fire alarm panel, notify the facility manager.

This week in Air Force history

Sept. 28, 1912 – Cpl. Frank S. Scott became the first enlisted fatality in Signal Corps Aviation. Scott Air Force Base, Ill., is named in his honor.

Sept. 29, 1918 – After destroying a number of enemy aircraft within 17 days, Lt. Frank Luke of the 27th Aero Squadron volunteered to go on a patrol to shoot down German balloons. Despite an attack by enemy fighters, he successfully shot down a balloon. Severely wounded, Lt. Luke continued toward other targets where ground fire brought him down. On the ground, the Germans asked him to surrender, but Lt. Luke drew a pistol and was killed in a gunfight with German soldiers. He received the Medal of Honor posthumously. Luke AFB, Ariz., is named in his honor.

Sept. 30, 1906 – Lt. Frank P. Lahm and Maj. Henry B. Hersey won the first James Gordon Bennett balloon race, flying 402 miles from Paris to Scarborough, England.

Oct. 1, 1989 – Gen. Hansford T. Johnson becomes the first Air Force Academy graduate to become a four-star general.

Oct. 4, 1957 – The Soviet Union launches Sputnik, the world's first artificial space satellite.

This Week's Caption Contest



Photo No. 95

The winner is...

"Witness the evolution of an 'Airman' transitioning from the primordial sludge of Expeditionary to the well-oiled machine of Enduring - this era is known as 'Expenduring.' No one ever said it was a pretty sight!!!!"

- Chief Master Sgt. Tim Noonan, 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Honorable mention:

"Please Master, just one more doughnut?"

- Staff Sgt. Race Bolner, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron

Try your hand at writing a caption for this week's photo. The author whose caption entry gets the most laughs - or groans - from our panel wins.

1. Write an imaginative, humorous, printable caption related to the Air Force.
2. E-mail caption entries to 379AEW.PA@auab.afcent.af.mil with the words 'Caption Contest' in the subject header.
3. Include the Caption Contest photo number you are referencing, your name, rank, deployed unit and phone number.
4. Winners are announced in the following paper.
5. Deadline for submission is noon Wednesday.
6. Got a funny photo you think is publishable and will make people laugh and scratch their heads? E-mail us!



Photo No. 96



ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Obie Balton uses his hands to relay operating instructions to Staff Sgt. Justin Ross, operating the forklift, to move a pallet of inner duct here Sept. 29. Both Airmen are engineering installation supply personnel responsible for storing and moving supplies that will be used in the global war on terror. Sergeant Balton, a native of Dallas, Texas, is deployed from the Oklahoma Air National Guard, Tulsa, Okla., and Sergeant Ross, a native of Columbus, Ohio, is deployed from the Ohio Air National Guard, Zanesville, Ohio. Both are assigned to the Combined Air and Space Operations Center supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)





ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Heather Mendiola, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron non-commissioned officer in charge of emergency management logistics, performs an operational check on a hazardous material identifier here Wednesday. The equipment is used to produce a presumptive identification of liquid, powder or solid hazardous materials so emergency management can provide instruction on what type of protective gear is required. Sergeant Mendiola, a native of New Castle, Del., is deployed from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)

TOP LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Chris Reiter breaks loose the bolts holding an unserviceable brake unit on a KC-135 aircraft here Sept. 28. The brake set had to be replaced when a crack in the heat shield was detected during a post-flight inspection. Sergeant Reiter, a native of Farmington, N.M., is deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

LEFT: Airmen 1st Class James Giesick and Airmen 1st Class Ryan McMillen hold a KC-135 tire while Tech. Sgt. Chris Reiter maneuvers the dolly for removal of the tire here Sept. 28. The tire was removed to replace the unserviceable brake unit. Sergeant Reiter, a native of Farmington, N.M., is deployed from Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. Airman Giesick is from San Diego, Calif., and deployed from Grand Forks AFB, N.D., and Airman McMillen, originally from Warsaw, Ill., is deployed from McConnell AFB, Kan. All are assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 340th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. (U.S. Air Force photos by Tech. Sgt. Michael Boquette)



Staff Sergeant Jarrett Gordon, 1st Expeditionary Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadrons Engineer Group, reenlists high over the base Wednesday. Maj. Steven Blake, RED HORSE commander, officiated the ceremony. Sergeant Gordon is a native of Magalia, Calif., and is deployed from Barksdale, Air Force Base, La. Maj. Blake hails from Dallas, Texas, and is deployed from Hurlburt Field, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Michael Boquette)



VICTORY CHAPEL

Open seven-days a week
24 hours a day
'And overtime on Sundays'

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Protestant - Saturday

7:30 p.m., Contemporary, sanctuary

Protestant- Sunday

9 a.m. Orthodox, Multi Purpose Room

9:45 a.m. Contemporary, sanctuary

9:45 a.m. General Protestant, CAOC second floor conference room

11:30 a.m. Church of Christ, sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Liturgical, Multi Purpose Room

1:30 p.m. LDS, sanctuary

4 p.m. Traditional Protestant, sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Gospel worship, sanctuary

Roman Catholic Mass

Daily Mass Monday to Friday

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Room

Saturday Mass

8:30 p.m. Reconciliation

9:15 p.m. Mass at Victory Chapel

Sunday Masses

8 a.m., Mass, sanctuary

11 a.m., Mass, CAOC second floor Conference Room

5:15 p.m., Reconciliation, Priest's office

6 p.m., Mass, sanctuary



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Under CC Corner/Chapel

Grand Slam Spirituality

As the Wing Chaplain, it is my privilege to invite you to come and grow with us. Experience our life-changing, free classes to build your faith, help your relationships, master your finances or find your purpose in life.

My doctoral degree is in transformational leadership, and in my opinion study groups and classes like these are the absolute best way to start your spiritual journey or to develop your mind and heart in a particular area of interest. I have never seen as strong a slate of classes as these. Please join us...I do not think you will be disappointed!

Call 437-8811 for further information.



Classes

Sunday

That the World Should Know, 8 a.m.

The Case for Faith, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Creating God Space (NOOMA), 6:30 p.m.

Women of Virtue, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

RCIA, 9 a.m.

Catholics Seeking Christ, 7:30 p.m.

Advanced Discipleship, 7:30 p.m.

Men of Integrity, 7:30 p.m.

Barstool Seminary, 10 p.m. in Memorial Plaza

Wednesday

Boundaries, 1 p.m.

Experiencing God, 4 p.m.

Catholic Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Thursday

Wild at Heart (Men), 6:30 p.m.

Experiencing God, 4 p.m.

Saturday

Beth Moore (Women), 8:45 p.m.

Wild at Heart (Men), 8:45 p.m.

Song of Solomon Bible Study

Used throughout the world, the Song of Solomon series teaches the Biblical design for relationships. For both singles and married couples. This exegetical study follows Solomon's relationship from attraction to dating and courtship, marriage and intimacy to resolving conflict, keeping

romance alive and committing to the end. This 11-session study begins Monday in the Victory Chapel Sanctuary from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, e-mail paul.sutter@auab.afcent.af.mil. No need to sign up.

Financial Peace University

Victory Chapel will be sponsoring for free (normally more than \$120) the nationally syndicated talk show host, Dave Ramsey's, 13-week life changing seminar: "Financial Peace University."

FPU is a faith-based accountability class that trains service men and women to manage resources, better provide for themselves and families and build financial readiness. Classes are limited to 25 people so first come, first served. This is a rare opportunity. Four classes will be

offered starting Monday:

1. Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron conference room

2. Tuesdays from 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Victory Chapel sanctuary

3. Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the 379 EFSS conference room

4. Thursdays from 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. in the Victory Chapel sanctuary

For information or to RSVP call 437-8811 or e-mail paul.sutter@auab.afcent.af.mil.

Water outage

The 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron will be tapping Emergency Water System Tank 1 into the main water line Monday from 6 a.m. to midnight. This will cause a water outage for the transient laundry tent. The base civil engineers thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Eye appointments

Appointments are now available for the 379th Expeditionary Medical Group optometry clinic for eye problems and exams. Call 437-0497 for information or appointments.

New hours

The Legal Office has new hours. The new office hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Hispanic Heritage month

The theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Getting Involved – Our families, Our community, our nation." Sept. 15 marked the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month and it continues until Oct. 15. The events planned aim to educate the base populace on the historical and current contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to our country and to our military.

Together with the 379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron, the Hispanic Heritage Committee has organized events and activities throughout this timeframe.

- Thursday at noon – Loteria at the pool during bingo session.

- Oct. 11 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight – Dance performance by members of the Salsa class and Hispanic Heritage Month committee. Dance contest

Last week's crossword puzzle answers



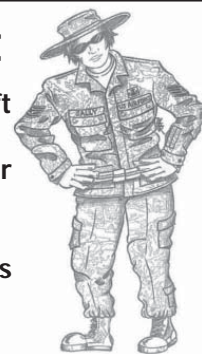
Safety Snapshot

"Run against traffic, on the left edge of the road

Be visible, do not wear headphones

Follow the rules when you run

Because getting hit by a car is not fun."



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at the Memorial Plaza. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has donated \$50, \$30 and \$15 gift certificates for prizes.

- Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Luncheon at the Blatchford-Preston Complex fellowship hall.

Desert 5 scholarship

If you are currently enrolled in classes, you may be eligible for a one-time grant of \$100 provided by the Desert 5. This grant, open to select E-1 through E-5 members, is structured to provide assistance for enlisted members in dealing with the financial burden of a college degree program. For more information, visit the Desert 5 website located on the intranet.

Call for Victim Advocates

Are you a trained Victim Advocate? Interested in volunteering during your Air and Space Expeditionary Force cycle? Obtain your 40-hour certificate from your home station's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Office and contact the 379 AEW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator on how to volunteer here.

For more information, contact Capt. Carrie Baker at 379aew.sarc@auab.afcent.af.mil or call 437-7500.

Political activity rules

With the general election coming in November, now is a good time to review the political activity rules. The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing legal office has guidance on what is permissible and not permissible for military members on their base intranet page.



For a list of menus, movies and more, visit the 379th EFSS internal homepage or watch your e-mail for the Desert Eagle Dispatch.

<https://intranet/organizations/379ESVS/marketing.htm>



TOP: Flight Lieutenant Amanda Gardner, medical officer assigned to the Expeditionary Health Facility Task Group 633.4, uses an ophthalmoscope to check the eye sight of Flight Lieutenant Tim Hodgson, chaplain assigned to task group 633.4, here Sept. 26. The EHF members are responsible for providing primary medical and aviation medical support to all Australian Coalition forces here. Lieutenant Gardner is a native of Newcastle, Australia, and Lieutenant Hodgson hails from Ormeau, Queensland, Australia. Both are deployed from Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamstown.

BOTTOM: Flying Officer Michael Babic, nursing officer assigned to the Expeditionary Health Facility Task Group 633.4, draws medication into a needle in preparation for an intramuscular injection here Sept. 26. Officer Babic, a native of Newcastle Australia, is deployed from Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamstown. (U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady)

